

State Interagency Team Meeting- Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022

2:00-3:30

Location: Microsoft Teams

SIT System of Care Recommendations:

1. Address workforce challenges and stress by investing in retention and recruitment efforts that bring in individuals who provide mental health supports, developmental disability services and peer supports.
2. Respond to the additional stress and trauma that has resulted from the past two years of the pandemic for children and families.
3. Invest in community-based supports and services leveraging federal funds and grants.

Present: Rachel Wassel, Deb Forrett, Kheya Ganguly, Karen Price, Amy Lincoln Moore, Laurel Omland, Barb Joyal, Jeffrey Nunemaker, Cheryle Wilcox, Danielle Bragg, Dana Robson

Regrets: Suzanne Legare-Belcher, Keith Williams, Beth Sausville, Alicia Hanrahan

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<p>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care <i>(staffing changes, new programming, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes)</i></p> <p>Update on LIT Visits—need someone for Monday, April 25th from 1-2 by zoom</p>	<p>CSHN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduced Deb Forett, medical social worker with Children with Special Health Needs• The last of the CDC clinics are being retracted. CSHN medical social workers are not involved in the migration... <p>DMH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MH working group of providers in Chitt Co. (USCRI, AALV, Vermont Language Justice Project- taking up some work to support making information available to families in a number of languages. (like VDH health related announcements, MH resource information, school robo calls, Farsi and Pashtu Aafghan main languages will be included as well (Farsi and Pashtu)• Children in the Emergency Department is still very intense... some that are not already known to DMH.• Perinatal Mental Health grant- Public service campaign to be rolled out around maternal depression and perinatal mental health in general.• The legislature allocated \$ to Outright (\$150,000) supports for LGBTQ youth. Will be expanding work with schools. Gender and sexuality alliance network building...	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New DMH Policy Director, Nicole Distasio, interim • New DMH Director of Quality, Eva Dayon, interim • Children’s care management position is still open • Mobile Crisis State plan event Town Hall event- Mobile Crisis Services Planning Grant Agency of Human Services (vermont.gov) Focus groups with various constituent groups will be happening. Seeking help getting the broad input. • Rutland Mobile response Pilot- hired another CM and are interviewing for a peer support worker. Have been responding to calls... families are asking for a scheduled later time, not an immediate response. • Peer certification bill being proposed AND there is a move at the National for a certification process • There is a bill to create a Governor’s youth advisory that is under consideration—voted out of House and over to Senate! • DMH and VDH are planning with UVMHC Eating Disorders Clinic a training event on Adolescent Eating Disorders for PCPs and MH Providers on 5/23. <p>FSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition in our Operations team Ruth Houtte and Linda James will be retiring early in the summer • System of Care Proposals <p>DAIL-DDSD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of staff turned over in their central office—fully staffed now! • New DS Director Jennifer Garebedian • RFP out for a psychiatric medical consultant (adults and children- case consults, training opportunities) <p>Vermont Family Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking to hire a Director • 4/20 annual conference, in person, CEU’s available • Helpline has been very busy, suspension, expulsion, bullying • H716 Special Ed rules being delayed for a second year 	

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	<p>DHVA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eating Disorder treatment continues to be a very hot topic ABA providers site visits round 2 being completed <p>LIT Visits Occurring virtually this year—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Albans themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in referrals of families to LIT, talked about the SOC report, work force retention challenges, the High Fidelity wrap funding cut and the impact on staff loss, safety issues related to families they are serving, stabilization setting for youth who need more to meet their needs than what can be provided in the school based setting. Burlington <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lack of therapeutic foster care... a major highlight of that region. Intersect with more kids in residential, Youth they are seeing that are involved with the Juvenile Justice system are some of the most acute. Concern about FSD staff having to staff them. Refugee and Immigrant discussion. Plan to dig into Family Partnership <p>Lamoille LIT visit is scheduled for April 25th virtually 1-2pm please consider attending to represent SIT as Cheryle cannot be at that visit.</p>	
<p>System of Care Report Looking at page 8 of <i>How We Are Serving Vermont's Children</i>:</p> <p>1. What were your aha moments</p>	<p>Info graphics page from the SOC report p 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of kids who received crisis assessments seem very high esp. when compared to kids who had a CSP. Some DA staff are completing MANY, MANY CSP's, are there unmet training needs (it takes some skill to get at the dynamics and have the hard conversations), are 	

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<p>when looking at this data?</p> <p>2. Anything you didn't realize was happening?</p> <p>3. Are there any pockets that look like identified gaps?</p> <p>4. Is there any data missing that we should be highlighting?</p> <p>5. How can you use one piece of this data to share with others to emphasize the work happening in our system of care?</p>	<p>other partners also coordinating and facilitating the meetings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we share the responsibilities with equity? • There would be a benefit to being some advanced training on facilitating difficult conversations. Could we have a discussion at LIT Connections about this topic? • A well facilitated CSP can make or break the process should SIT be sponsoring two tiers of training to include CSP facilitation skill development? (remember the facilitation guide and the videos that were produced!) • Post Permanency support services aren't referenced in the graphic. • Where do school-based clinician services get captured? <p>Building Hope for Children Project https://www.buildinghopeforchildren.org/our-vision</p> <p>A family that consulted with SIT last year medical / MH and has been looking for residential services in VT/ near VT/ . There are no options that are able to meet his needs. This mother started her own non-profit with a goal of trying to meet the need. Have developed a board DAIL is in conversation with the family. 4 bed therapeutic living environment for youth. VFN supported a survey out to families to gather info about what families need/ want.</p> <p>Has been elevated to the Governor's office</p>	
<p>April 18th LIT Connections-Cheryle will be away, so we need a volunteer note taker please</p> <p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p>The next LIT Connections Meeting needs some support . Brief description of the group Monthly LIT connections- Act 264 board, SIT team members, LIT members all invited to attend. Opportunity to connect across the state to hear what's happening. Beth S. will facilitate.</p> <p>Laurel will be the notetaker while Beth Sausville facilitates- thank you!</p>	<p>Cheryle will forward the meeting invite to new SIT members</p>

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Wrap Up	<p>Reading of interest</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/24/opinion/teenagers-america.html</p> <p>https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/with-school-masking-guidance-lifted-families-with-medically-fragile-kids-feel-forgotten/Content?oid=35156138</p>	